एल० डी० अवशेष जल के उपचार की क्षमता का निर्माण कार्य किया गया है ।

घ. अन्य निर्माण कार्यों के पूरा किए जाने की स्थिति

(i) 370 कि० मी० भीवर लाइन बिछाई गई है ।

(ii) 47.705 पृथक शौचालयों का निर्माण किया गया है ।

(iii) 2757 सामुदायिक शौचालयों का निर्माण किया गया है ।

(iv) 29 विद्युत शवदाहगृहों की स्थापना की गई है ।

(v) नदी के किनारे पर 128 घाटों का विकास किया गया ।

Persons Arrested in Connection with Bombay Blast Case

*320. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of persons arrested so far in connection with the chain of bomb blasts in Bombay on 12th March, 1993;

(b) what is the number of alleged accused who are still absconding;

(c) whether it is a fact that the absconders have been identified;

(d) if so, the details of the action being taken to apprehend them; and

(e) what progress has been made in inquiries by various state and central agencies in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) 142

(b) 24

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Arrest warrants against all the 24 absconding persons were obtained from the designated Court, constituted under TADA (P) Act, for Greater Bombay. As the warrants could not be executed, the same were returned to the designated Court. The Court has been requested to issue proclamation under Section 82 of the Criminal Procedure Code directing the absconding accused persons to appear before the Court.

(e) The investigations of the bomb blasts cases is being done by the Maharashtra Stale Police. The State Police is likely to complete the investigation by the end of August, 1993 and tile a preliminary charge sheet. The State Police is being assisted by a Task Force comprising of senior offiecrs of the CBI and Centra! Intelligence agencies, in the investigation. After the State Police files the charge sheet, the CBI will take over the cases and conduct further investigation into the national, international and other ramifications of the crime.

देश में साल वृक्षों के संरक्षण तथा विकास की योजना

2734. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश में साल वृक्षों के संरक्षण तथा विकास हेतु अनुसंधान के संबंध में केन्द्रीय तथा राज्य प्रशासन के स्तर पर किसी निश्चित योजना के अंतर्गत कार्यवाही की जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में की जा रही राज्यवार कार्यवाही सहित केन्द्रीय स्तर पर की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान साल वनों के क्षेत्रफल में राज्यवार लक्षित की गई कमी या वृध्दि का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) प्राकृतिक साल वृक्षों के विकास एवं अनुसंधान के आधार पर प्राप्त की गई उपलब्धियों का राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) और (ख) पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के स्वायत्त निकाय, भारतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा परिषद ने साल अनुसंधान संस्थान, बिलासपुर, मध्य प्रदेश तथा उत्तर प्रदेश के वनवृक्ष-विज्ञानी (सिल्वीकल्चरिस्ट) की सहायता से मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश राज्यों में साल वृक्षों की मृत्यु दर पर अनुसंधान शुरू किया है ।

(ग) साल वृक्षों की मृत्यु दर में वृध्दि के कारण साल वनों की सघनता में कहीं-कहीं कमी आई है, जबकि साल वृक्षों का क्षेत्र कुल मिलाकर अपरिवर्तनीय रहा है ।

(घ) अनुसंधान निष्कर्षों के आधार पर बिहार, उड़ीसा, मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश राज्यों को सलाह दी गई है कि वे साल वृक्षों के पुनर्जनन की स्थिति में सुधार के लिए साल वृक्षों वाले क्षेत्रों को मवेशियों की चराई के लिए बन्द कर दें ।

Development Project of Maharashtra Awaiting Clearance.

2735. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the

Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of development projects of Maharashtra awaiting clearance from Central Government;

(b) since when these are pending and the reasons for the delay in clearing the projects; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to clear these projects pcuitiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) A detailed statement is enclosed *(See* below).

(c) The Government has issued revised guidelines just last year to ensure speedier disposal of cases under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. For environmental clearance, regular meetings of the Environmental Appraisal Committees are held almost every month. As and when full details are received, the proposals are examined expeditiously for decision.

Statement

Details of Proposals Pertainig to Maharashtra Pending with the Central Government as on 31-7-1993

S. No.	Name of the Project	Pending Since	Present Status/ Reasons for delay.
I.	PENDING FOR CLEARANCE UNDER THE FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT, 1980.		
1.	Palandur Minor Irrigation Tank, Bhandara.	September, 1992	Site Inspection Report is awaited.
2.	Extension of Deolali Field Firing Ranges.	October, 1992	Site Inspection Report is awaited.
3.	Construction of Tank at Sindewahi, Chandrapur.	January, 1993	Under process.
4.	Chargarh M. I. Tank, Amrawati.	January, 1993	Site Inspection Report is awaited.
5.	Pendhari Nalla Irrigation Project	January, 1993	Site Inspection Report is awaited.
6.	Construction of M. I. Tank at Nimgaon.	January, 1993	Under process.
7.	Upper Penganga Project, Nanded.	April, 1993	Pending for Environment clearence.
8.	Pillendri M. I. Tank, Bhandara.	June, 1993	Site Inspection Report is awaited.
9.	Widening of Bombay-Ahmedabad N. H. No. 8	June, 1993	Under process.
10.	Construction of M. I. Tank at Dhanoli.	June, 1993	Under process.
11.	Non-Forestry use of restored land of private forest in Raigad.	June, 1993	Site Inspection Report is awaited.
12.	Widening and extension of existing tunnel, Pune.	June, 1993	Under process.
13.	Construction of Mundi Poor Tank, Deori, Bhandara.	June, 1993	Under process.
14.	Dudhanganga Irrigation Project.	July, 1993	Under process.
15.	Borkheda M. I. Tank, Jalgaon.	July, 1993	Under process.
16.	Utawali Irrigation Project, Buldhana.	July, 1993	Site Inspection Report is awaited.

17. Construction of Steel Plant by Lloyds Steel Industries Ltd., Wardha.	July, 1993	Under process.
18. Nimbala M. I. Tank, Chandrapur.	July, 1993	Under process.
19. Percolation Tank at Kuonmdara.	July, 1993	Under process.

II. PENDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

S. No.	Name of the Project	Pending Since	Present Status/ Reasons for delay.
A. *Thermal Power*			
1.	Nagothane CCGT, 820 MW, MSEB	February, 1993	Considered by the expert committee. Additional information sought is awaited.
2.	Dabhol Gas based power project-200 MW	July, 1993	Project received recently.
B. *River Valley*			
3.	Bombay Sewage Disposal Project (Bombay Municipal Corporation).	January, 1993	Considered by the expert committee. Informations on preferred alternatives and EMP are awaited.
4.	Punand Irrigation Project (Irrigation Deptt., GOM).	May, 1993	Considered by the expert Committee. Additional details sought are awaited.
5.	Arunvati Project	June, 1993	Mitigative measures are to be elaborated.
C. *Industries*			
6.	Melamine Plant of RCF, Thal	February, 1993	Considered by the expert Committee.
7.	Modernisation of Bombay Mint.	April, 1993	Revised documents are awaited.
8.	Bombay-Manmad Pipelines of BPCL.	April, 1993	Linked to forestry clearance.
9.	Expansion of Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. Rasayani.	March, 1993	Additional information awaited from project authorities.
D. *Mining.*			
10.	Talwasa opencast project WCL	May, 1993	Additional information awaited from project authorities.
E. *Others Projects.*			
11.	Construction of Airport at Kasalkunde Taluka Kudal, Distt. Sindhudurg, Maharashtra.	July, 1993	Additional information sought received recently.
12.	Construction of Airport at Shirdi Taluka Kopergaon Distt. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra.	February, 1993	Placed before the Committee. Full information Sought for yet to be received.

13.	For construction of 3-Star Beach Resort art Ganpatipule Bhandarpule. Distt. Ratnagiri, Mharashtra-M/s. Krishnali Beach Resorts Pvt. Ltd.	May. 1993	Considered by the expert Committee.
14.	Construction of Worli Bandra Link Road in Bombay.	July, 1993	Received recently.

Encroachment of Forest Land

2736. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the encroachment of forest land by the people;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being take by Government to make forest land free from any encroachment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Incidents of encroachment of forest land by the people have been brought to the notice of Government of India periodically. The details regarding encroachments on forest land are maintained in the States/Union territories concerned, at divisional level. Government of India has taken following measures to prevent encroachment of forest land :

(0 National Forest Policy, 1980 states that encroachment of forest land has been on the increase and this trend has to be arrested and effective action taken to prevent its continuance.

(ii) The Forest Policy also stipulates that people's participation in 'management of the forests should be encouraged.

(iii) Under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, encroachment of forest land has been declared an offence.

(iv) State Governments carry out eviction of encroachments periodically along with Revenue authorities.

Clearing the Garbage from the Route to The Everest and other Himalayan Peaks

2737. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are tyring to clear the garbage from the route to the Everest and other Himalayan Peaks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the success achieved in the objectives so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Clean up campaigns for collecting garbage have been launched by some voluntary organisations, police personnels in border areas & sponsoring institutions. Special expeditions were sent earlier to clear the garbage, to the extent possible, from the routes used frequently. A code of conduct has been prescribed by the Himalayan Mountaineering Foundation regarding management and disposal of garbage. Government has also made a policy statement for having a strict regulation of the tourists activities in the sensitive areas like that of the Himalayan region.

Kaziranga National Park in Assam

2738. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Kaziranga National Park in Assam is regularly eroded by the flood and innumerable wild lives die every year duing flood:

(b) what are the measures taken by Government to prevent erosion of the park;

(c) what is the number of animals died during the last flood in Assam; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (d) The Kaziranga National Park of Assam falls in the flood plain of the Brahmaputra river and a large portion of it gets inundated every year by flood which is a natural phenomenon for the